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# TEXAS
# Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JUNE 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

## JOBLESS RATE RISES SEASONALLY

Unemployment in the actual series increased moderately Statewide between April and May. The actual unemployment rate rose from 7.0 percent in April to 7.3 percent in May, as an additional 27,600 Texans were unemployed in mid-May, bringing the total to 604,600. Much of the increase over the month was due to the first of the summer jobseekers entering the labor force early in May. Most of those who began seeking work this month were re-entrants (persons who had participated in the labor force at some previous time). Total employment rose by just over 70,000 in May, to a level of 7,729,200.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

| | May 1988 | Apr. 1988 | May 1987 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **United States (Actual)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 120,775.0 | 120,264.0 | 119,695.0 |
| Unemployment | 6,553.0 | 6,359.0 | 7,318.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.1 |
| Total Employment | 114,222.0 | 113,905.0 | 112,377.0 |
| **United States (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 120,978.0 | 121,323.0 | 119,907.0 |
| Unemployment | 6,783.0 | 6,610.0 | 7,573.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.3 |
| Total Employment | 114,195.0 | 114,713.0 | 112,334.0 |
| **State of Texas (Actual)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 8,333.8 | 8,235.0 | 8,337.1 |
| Unemployment | 604.6 | 577.0 | 717.5 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.6 |
| Total Employment | 7,729.2 | 7,658.0 | 7,619.6 |
| **State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 8,372.0 | 8,334.0 | 8,376.0 |
| Unemployment | 602.0 | 623.0 | 718.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.2 | 7.5 | 8.6 |
| Total Employment | 7,770.0 | 7,711.0 | 7,658.0 |

The current rate of 7.3 percent in the actual series was considerably lower than the May 1987 rate of 8.6 percent -- evidence that the State's economy is improving somewhat. In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate dropped slightly over the month, from 7.5 percent in April to 7.2 percent in May. The May seasonally adjusted rate was also well below the year-ago rate of 8.6 percent. The National rates in both series were basically unchanged over the month. The actual rate inched up from 5.3 percent in April to 5.4 percent in May, while the seasonally adjusted rate moved from 5.4 percent to 5.6 percent between April and May.

## SEASONAL INCREASES PUSH NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT UPWARD

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 21,100 between April and May, with the bulk of the gains in trade and services. These two sectors provided over three-fourths of the over-the-month growth. An estimated 77,000 nonfarm salaried jobs had been added during the past year, with two-thirds of that increase concentrated in service industries.

Wholesale and retail trade began showing more strength, as the majority of its sectors recorded at least modest growth. A total of 10,900 jobs in trade were added over the month. Even the wholesale portion, which has been lagging since the oil

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| TOTAL | 49,300 | 49,300 | 48,400 | 78,600 | 78,200 | 77,200 | 352,000 | 352,300 | 357,300 |
| Manufacturing | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,500 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 9,800 | 39,100 | 39,200 | 39,400 |
| Mining | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,400 | 700 | 700 | 800 |
| Construction | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,400 | 15,000 | 15,200 | 17,000 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,700 | 10,900 | 10,800 | 10,800 |
| Trade | 13,600 | 13,600 | 13,400 | 22,700 | 22,500 | 22,100 | 77,500 | 77,500 | 79,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,500 | 24,900 | 24,900 | 25,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 13,000 | 13,100 | 13,100 | 16,400 | 16,300 | 16,200 | 83,800 | 83,700 | 84,800 |
| Government | 8,900 | 8,900 | 8,300 | 14,300 | 14,300 | 14,100 | 100,100 | 100,300 | 100,100 |
| | BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR | | | BRAZORIA | | | BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN | | |
| TOTAL | 129,800 | 127,300 | 128,200 | 58,400 | 58,400 | 57,000 | 67,200 | 67,000 | 65,700 |
| Manufacturing | 25,500 | 24,100 | 24,800 | 15,700 | 15,600 | 15,200 | 10,400 | 10,300 | 9,700 |
| Mining | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | -- | -- | -- |
| Construction | 7,800 | 7,600 | 7,300 | 6,400 | 6,500 | 5,900 | 2,200 | 2,100 | 2,300 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 9,600 | 9,400 | 9,600 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Trade | 31,600 | 31,000 | 31,800 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,100 | 17,400 | 17,400 | 17,500 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,300 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Services & Misc. | 28,100 | 28,000 | 27,800 | 8,100 | 8,100 | 7,700 | 13,900 | 14,000 | 13,300 |
| Government | 20,400 | 20,400 | 20,100 | 11,100 | 11,100 | 11,000 | 16,700 | 16,600 | 16,300 |
| | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS 2/ | | |
| TOTAL | 48,200 | 48,300 | 47,300 | 125,100 | 125,000 | 123,700 | 1,333.8 | 1,326.4 | 1,329.6 |
| Manufacturing | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,000 | 11,100 | 11,200 | 11,300 | 222.0 | 220.7 | 221.5 |
| Mining | 600 | 600 | 600 | 3,900 | 3,800 | 4,300 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.7 |
| Construction | 2,200 | 2,200 | 1,900 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,900 | 51.9 | 52.1 | 63.9 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 1,700 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 6,900 | 6,900 | 6,900 | 91.6 | 91.0 | 89.3 |
| Trade | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,900 | 32,400 | 32,300 | 31,800 | 348.4 | 345.7 | 344.9 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,800 | 6,900 | 7,000 | 6,900 | 128.7 | 128.5 | 133.5 |
| Services & Misc. | 8,700 | 8,500 | 8,200 | 29,400 | 29,400 | 28,000 | 321.7 | 318.9 | 307.9 |
| Government | 20,600 | 21,000 | 20,400 | 28,200 | 28,100 | 27,600 | 151.3 | 151.3 | 149.9 |
| | EL PASO | | | FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON | | | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | |
| TOTAL | 188,500 | 188,400 | 185,400 | 514,500 | 514,600 | 515,800 | 70,800 | 70,200 | 72,700 |
| Manufacturing | 37,100 | 37,600 | 35,900 | 117,400 | 117,200 | 113,900 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,700 |
| Mining | -- | -- | -- | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| Construction | 9,400 | 9,300 | 9,600 | 20,000 | 20,400 | 25,100 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 4,500 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 10,600 | 10,600 | 10,200 | 30,900 | 30,900 | 29,600 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 5,800 |
| Trade | 46,700 | 46,700 | 46,000 | 132,900 | 133,200 | 137,800 | 14,600 | 14,400 | 14,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 9,600 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 26,800 | 26,900 | 28,000 | 4,200 | 4,100 | 4,200 |
| Services & Misc. | 35,800 | 35,500 | 34,600 | 114,300 | 113,600 | 111,300 | 14,800 | 14,500 | 13,800 |
| Government | 39,300 | 39,200 | 39,600 | 68,600 | 68,800 | 66,500 | 20,700 | 20,700 | 21,000 |

and gas downturn, created 1,500 positions in May -- some of them in the wholesaling of oil well equipment. The largest increase by far within retail trade was in eating and drinking places, which gained 7,200 jobs. General merchandise stores continued its moderate upward trend, with 1,500 additions in May.

Services gained 6,700 jobs over the month, despite a seasonal loss of 4,500 in the educational sector. Widespread increases throughout health services generated the biggest advance, with a gain of 4,000. Computer and data processing services provided a large portion of the sizeable growth within business and repair services from April to May.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 1,100, with transportation, except railroads, providing the largest portion of the growth. Most of this increase was due to gains in trucking and warehousing and in water transportation. Other sectors within this group showed little activity over the month. A minor gain in banking was the largest upturn recorded in finance, insurance and real estate; and the increase in this sector was mostly nullified by a loss in the other finance, insurance and real estate segment.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **HOUSTON 2/** | | | |
| TOTAL | 1,404.2 | 1,399.0 | 1,376.7 |
| Manufacturing | 150.0 | 150.2 | 143.6 |
| Mining | 63.3 | 63.5 | 61.2 |
| Construction | 81.7 | 81.2 | 83.8 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 99.0 | 99.0 | 96.7 |
| Trade | 353.4 | 351.1 | 346.7 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 96.9 | 97.1 | 102.4 |
| Services & Misc. | 369.8 | 367.2 | 355.4 |
| Government | 190.1 | 189.7 | 186.9 |
| **LONGVIEW-MARSHALL** | | | |
| TOTAL | 65,700 | 65,700 | 64,000 |
| Manufacturing | 15,900 | 15,700 | 15,400 |
| Mining | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Construction | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,000 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| Trade | 16,800 | 16,700 | 16,400 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,900 |
| Services & Misc. | 11,800 | 12,000 | 11,200 |
| Government | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,400 |
| **MIDLAND** | | | |
| TOTAL | 44,700 | 44,500 | 43,300 |
| Manufacturing | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,900 |
| Mining | 9,800 | 9,900 | 9,600 |
| Construction | 1,200 | 1,100 | 1,200 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 |
| Trade | 10,200 | 10,100 | 10,000 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 8,800 | 8,700 | 8,500 |
| Government | 7,200 | 7,200 | 6,400 |
| **SAN ANTONIO** | | | |
| TOTAL | 510,500 | 511,100 | 502,900 |
| Manufacturing | 47,000 | 47,100 | 46,700 |
| Mining | 2,600 | 2,700 | 2,600 |
| Construction | 27,000 | 27,200 | 29,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,100 |
| Trade | 132,100 | 132,200 | 130,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 40,300 | 40,200 | 39,900 |
| Services & Misc. | 126,000 | 126,200 | 120,000 |
| Government | 117,500 | 117,500 | 116,100 |
| **TYLER 3/** | | | |
| TOTAL | 61,700 | 61,300 | 61,900 |
| Manufacturing | 10,600 | 10,600 | 10,800 |
| Mining | 2,000 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Construction | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,500 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,900 |
| Trade | 16,500 | 16,500 | 16,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 14,800 | 14,500 | 14,400 |
| Government | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,200 |
| **WICHITA FALLS** | | | |
| TOTAL | 50,600 | 50,500 | 50,000 |
| Manufacturing | 8,100 | 8,100 | 8,400 |
| Mining | 2,000 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Construction | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,700 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| Trade | 12,200 | 12,100 | 12,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 11,500 | 11,600 | 11,500 |
| Government | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,500 |

| Industry | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **KILLEEN-TEMPLE** | | | |
| TOTAL | 70,600 | 70,400 | 69,900 |
| Manufacturing | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,100 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,700 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 |
| Trade | 16,300 | 16,200 | 16,000 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 2,900 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Services & Misc. | 15,600 | 15,400 | 15,200 |
| Government | 21,500 | 21,500 | 21,100 |
| **LUBBOCK** | | | |
| TOTAL | 92,300 | 91,900 | 91,300 |
| Manufacturing | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,300 |
| Mining | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Construction | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,900 |
| Trade | 27,700 | 27,400 | 26,700 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 5,400 | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| Services & Misc. | 21,900 | 21,700 | 21,400 |
| Government | 21,300 | 21,300 | 21,700 |
| **ODESSA 3/** | | | |
| TOTAL | 43,400 | 43,300 | 41,700 |
| Manufacturing | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| Mining | 6,000 | 6,100 | 5,700 |
| Construction | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,900 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 |
| Trade | 12,600 | 12,500 | 12,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,000 |
| Government | 7,800 | 7,800 | 7,600 |
| **SHERMAN-DENISON** | | | |
| TOTAL | 38,300 | 38,100 | 37,400 |
| Manufacturing | 11,300 | 11,100 | 10,900 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,100 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Trade | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,400 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Services & Misc. | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,200 |
| Government | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,400 |
| **VICTORIA 3/** | | | |
| TOTAL | 27,800 | 27,500 | 27,100 |
| Manufacturing | 3,100 | 2,900 | 2,800 |
| Mining | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Construction | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Trade | 7,800 | 7,800 | 7,800 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,500 |
| Services & Misc. | 5,900 | 5,800 | 5,600 |
| Government | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,600 |

| Industry | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **LAREDO** | | | |
| TOTAL | 36,500 | 36,100 | 35,400 |
| Manufacturing | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,800 |
| Mining | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Construction | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 4,900 | 4,800 | 4,400 |
| Trade | 10,500 | 10,300 | 10,300 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 6,100 | 6,000 | 5,800 |
| Government | 8,700 | 8,600 | 8,300 |
| **MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION** | | | |
| TOTAL | 89,700 | 89,500 | 87,900 |
| Manufacturing | 12,000 | 11,600 | 11,800 |
| Mining | 900 | 900 | 800 |
| Construction | 4,100 | 4,000 | 3,900 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,900 |
| Trade | 26,600 | 26,700 | 26,700 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 14,300 | 14,600 | 14,200 |
| Government | 25,300 | 25,300 | 24,000 |
| **SAN ANGELO** | | | |
| TOTAL | 36,300 | 36,500 | 36,300 |
| Manufacturing | 5,500 | 5,600 | 5,600 |
| Mining | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Construction | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Trade | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Services & Misc. | 7,700 | 7,800 | 7,700 |
| Government | 6,800 | 6,800 | 6,500 |
| **TEXARKANA** | | | |
| TOTAL | 44,900 | 45,100 | 45,100 |
| Manufacturing | 7,000 | 7,200 | 7,300 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 1,900 | 2,000 | 1,800 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,800 |
| Trade | 10,700 | 10,600 | 10,300 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,800 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Services & Misc. | 9,600 | 9,500 | 9,300 |
| Government | 12,100 | 12,100 | 12,600 |
| **WACO** | | | |
| TOTAL | 78,500 | 78,700 | 77,600 |
| Manufacturing | 15,000 | 14,800 | 14,800 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,500 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,200 |
| Trade | 19,100 | 19,100 | 19,000 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,800 |
| Services & Misc. | 20,200 | 20,500 | 19,700 |
| Government | 12,400 | 12,500 | 12,500 |

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

# TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

| Industry | May 1988* | Apr. 1988** | May 1987** | Change From Apr. 1988 | Change From May 1987 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT± | 6,574,000 | 6,552,900 | 6,497,000 | 21,100 | 77,000 |
| Manufacturing | 942,800 | 938,500 | 920,200 | 4,300 | 22,600 |
| Durable Goods | 543,600 | 541,300 | 525,400 | 2,300 | 18,200 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 33,800 | 33,500 | 34,800 | 300 | -1,000 |
| Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,900 | 0 | -500 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 16,300 | 16,600 | 16,000 | -300 | 300 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 42,900 | 42,700 | 43,600 | 200 | -700 |
| Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products | 18,300 | 18,100 | 19,500 | 200 | -1,200 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 28,600 | 28,300 | 26,700 | 300 | 1,900 |
| Fabricated Metal Industries | 75,100 | 74,200 | 71,000 | 900 | 4,100 |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Products | 35,600 | 35,100 | 35,000 | 500 | 600 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 101,900 | 101,500 | 97,100 | 400 | 4,800 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 22,900 | 22,800 | 21,000 | 100 | 1,900 |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment | 116,700 | 116,800 | 114,900 | -100 | 1,800 |
| Transportation Equipment | 93,200 | 92,600 | 87,000 | 600 | 6,200 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 53,600 | 53,400 | 50,900 | 200 | 2,700 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 21,700 | 21,700 | 21,500 | 0 | 200 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries | 13,400 | 13,400 | 12,800 | 0 | 600 |
| Nondurable Goods | 399,200 | 397,200 | 394,800 | 2,000 | 4,400 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 95,400 | 94,200 | 94,600 | 1,200 | 800 |
| Meat Products | 28,100 | 28,100 | 27,900 | 0 | 200 |
| Dairy Products | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,700 | -100 | -100 |
| Bakery Products | 10,200 | 10,000 | 9,800 | 200 | 400 |
| Malt Beverages | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 0 | -100 |
| Textile Mill Products | 4,000 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 100 | 0 |
| Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products | 54,700 | 54,900 | 52,500 | -200 | 2,200 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 25,600 | 25,500 | 23,800 | 100 | 1,800 |
| Printing & Publishing | 72,500 | 72,800 | 73,400 | -300 | -900 |
| Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ. | 35,400 | 35,600 | 36,600 | -200 | -1,200 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 73,500 | 73,300 | 73,800 | 200 | -300 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 31,800 | 30,800 | 33,000 | 1,000 | -1,200 |
| Petroleum Refining | 28,600 | 27,500 | 29,700 | 1,100 | -1,100 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 8,000 | 7,900 | 7,100 | 100 | 900 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 33,700 | 33,900 | 32,600 | -200 | 1,100 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing | 5,631,200 | 5,614,400 | 5,576,800 | 16,800 | 54,400 |
| Mining | 179,300 | 180,100 | 179,700 | -800 | -400 |
| Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel | 9,700 | 9,700 | 10,100 | 0 | -400 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 169,600 | 170,400 | 169,600 | -800 | 0 |
| Construction | 320,300 | 321,300 | 345,200 | -1,000 | -24,900 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 386,900 | 385,800 | 381,900 | 1,100 | 5,000 |
| Railroad Transportation | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,600 | 0 | -600 |
| Transportation, Except Railroads | 205,900 | 205,100 | 199,600 | 800 | 6,300 |
| Transportation by Air | 60,700 | 60,900 | 54,900 | -200 | 5,800 |
| Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service | 84,500 | 84,300 | 84,700 | 200 | -200 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services | 75,500 | 75,400 | 76,000 | 100 | -500 |
| Electric Services | 41,100 | 41,100 | 42,100 | 0 | -1,000 |
| Gas Production & Distribution | 27,300 | 27,200 | 26,800 | 100 | 500 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 1,651,600 | 1,640,700 | 1,639,900 | 10,900 | 11,700 |
| Wholesale Trade | 408,900 | 407,400 | 406,500 | 1,500 | 2,400 |
| Retail Trade | 1,242,700 | 1,233,300 | 1,233,400 | 9,400 | 9,300 |
| Building Materials & Garden Supplies | 44,800 | 44,400 | 46,900 | 400 | -2,100 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 164,600 | 163,100 | 159,400 | 1,500 | 5,200 |
| Food Stores | 226,700 | 226,700 | 228,200 | 0 | -1,500 |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations | 133,400 | 132,900 | 134,000 | 500 | -600 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 77,400 | 77,600 | 81,900 | -200 | -4,500 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 413,000 | 405,800 | 400,900 | 7,200 | 12,100 |
| Other Retail Trade | 182,800 | 182,800 | 182,100 | 0 | 700 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 438,600 | 438,500 | 444,700 | 100 | -6,100 |
| Banking | 98,500 | 98,100 | 98,500 | 400 | 0 |
| Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 138,200 | 138,000 | 138,300 | 200 | -100 |
| Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 201,900 | 202,400 | 207,900 | -500 | -6,000 |
| Services | 1,477,700 | 1,471,000 | 1,426,100 | 6,700 | 51,600 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 80,900 | 81,100 | 83,800 | -200 | -2,900 |
| Personal Services | 84,600 | 84,800 | 82,800 | -200 | 1,800 |
| Business & Repair Services | 410,900 | 407,300 | 392,200 | 3,600 | 18,700 |
| Amusement, Including Motion Pictures | 58,100 | 56,300 | 55,400 | 1,800 | 2,700 |
| Health Services | 401,400 | 397,400 | 382,200 | 4,000 | 19,200 |
| Educational Services | 74,800 | 79,300 | 72,300 | -4,500 | 2,500 |
| Other Services & Miscellaneous | 367,000 | 364,800 | 357,400 | 2,200 | 9,600 |
| Total Government | 1,176,800 | 1,177,000 | 1,159,300 | -200 | 17,500 |
| Total Federal Government | 190,500 | 190,900 | 195,600 | -400 | -5,100 |
| Total State Government | 242,700 | 243,700 | 235,400 | -1,000 | 7,300 |
| Total Local Government | 743,600 | 742,400 | 728,300 | 1,200 | 15,300 |

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** | May '88* | Apr. '88** | May '87** | May '89* | Apr. '88** | May '87** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 54,400 | 53,900 | 54,900 | 101,200 | 99,500 | 100,600 | 432,600 | 428,200 | 436,900 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,600 | 3,300 | 4,900 | 5,800 | 5,400 | 6,500 | 26,600 | 24,000 | 29,000 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.6 | 6.1 | 8.9 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.6 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 50,800 | 50,600 | 50,000 | 95,400 | 94,100 | 94,100 | 406,000 | 404,200 | 407,900 |
| | BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR | | | BRAZORIA | | | BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 161,500 | 159,200 | 164,600 | 82,700 | 81,900 | 81,500 | 98,000 | 97,200 | 97,000 |
| Total Unemployment | 16,900 | 16,400 | 21,600 | 6,800 | 6,600 | 7,800 | 12,700 | 12,800 | 13,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 10.5 | 10.3 | 13.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 14.2 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 144,600 | 142,800 | 143,000 | 75,900 | 75,300 | 73,700 | 85,300 | 84,400 | 83,200 |
| | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS 3/ | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 57,400 | 57,500 | 57,700 | 163,300 | 161,900 | 164,700 | 1,466.5 | 1,448.2 | 1,459.3 |
| Total Unemployment | 2,600 | 2,400 | 3,500 | 16,200 | 15,300 | 20,300 | 84.7 | 80.6 | 92.4 |
| Percent Unemployed | 4.5 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 12.3 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.3 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 54,800 | 55,100 | 54,200 | 147,100 | 146,600 | 144,400 | 1,381.8 | 1,367.6 | 1,366.9 |
| | EL PASO | | | FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON | | | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 238,000 | 235,700 | 232,800 | 682,000 | 675,800 | 681,700 | 108,800 | 107,100 | 113,200 |
| Total Unemployment | 24,500 | 23,700 | 25,300 | 43,600 | 41,000 | 46,800 | 9,800 | 9,500 | 11,900 |
| Percent Unemployed | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 10.5 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 213,500 | 212,000 | 207,500 | 638,400 | 634,800 | 634,900 | 99,000 | 97,600 | 101,300 |
| | HOUSTON 3/ | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | | LAREDO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 1,608.9 | 1,586.8 | 1,620.1 | 95,500 | 93,900 | 93,900 | 46,100 | 46,000 | 45,800 |
| Total Unemployment | 113.8 | 106.7 | 153.8 | 7,200 | 6,800 | 7,400 | 5,900 | 6,300 | 7,000 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.1 | 6.7 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 15.3 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 1,495.1 | 1,480.1 | 1,466.3 | 88,300 | 87,100 | 86,500 | 40,200 | 39,700 | 38,800 |
| | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | | MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 79,200 | 78,400 | 79,800 | 114,300 | 112,800 | 113,300 | 148,500 | 146,700 | 145,900 |
| Total Unemployment | 6,800 | 6,500 | 8,700 | 6,200 | 5,700 | 7,200 | 22,400 | 23,000 | 23,500 |
| Percent Unemployed | 8.6 | 8.3 | 10.8 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 15.1 | 15.7 | 16.1 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 72,400 | 71,900 | 71,100 | 108,100 | 107,100 | 106,100 | 126,100 | 123,700 | 122,400 |
| | MIDLAND | | | ODESSA | | | SAN ANGELO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 49,700 | 49,200 | 51,000 | 54,100 | 53,400 | 55,000 | 45,800 | 45,100 | 46,000 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 | 4,100 | 3,800 | 6,900 | 2,800 | 2,500 | 3,100 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.0 | 6.1 | 9.8 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 12.5 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 6.7 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 46,700 | 46,200 | 46,000 | 50,000 | 49,600 | 48,100 | 43,000 | 42,600 | 42,900 |
| | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | | TEXARKANA | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 628,400 | 619,400 | 614,400 | 50,400 | 49,600 | 49,700 | 58,700 | 58,200 | 57,700 |
| Total Unemployment | 49,200 | 43,800 | 48,900 | 3,100 | 3,000 | 4,100 | 4,900 | 4,400 | 4,600 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.8 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 8.0 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 579,200 | 575,600 | 565,500 | 47,300 | 46,600 | 45,600 | 53,800 | 53,800 | 53,100 |
| | TYLER | | | VICTORIA | | | WACO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 76,600 | 76,000 | 78,200 | 36,900 | 36,300 | 37,600 | 93,600 | 93,100 | 93,300 |
| Total Unemployment | 5,700 | 5,300 | 7,000 | 2,600 | 2,400 | 3,600 | 6,600 | 6,300 | 7,400 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.4 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 70,900 | 70,700 | 71,200 | 34,300 | 33,900 | 34,000 | 87,000 | 86,800 | 85,900 |
| | WICHITA FALLS | | | | | | STATE OF TEXAS 3/ | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 58,300 | 57,600 | 58,300 | | | | 8,333.8 | 8,235.0 | 8,337.1 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,600 | 3,300 | 4,700 | | | | 604.6 | 577.0 | 717.5 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.2 | 5.7 | 8.1 | | | | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.6 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 54,700 | 54,300 | 53,600 | | | | 7,729.2 | 7,658.0 | 7,619.6 |

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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## HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May± 1988 | Apr. 1988 | May 1987 | May± 1988 | Apr. 1988 | May 1987 | May± 1988 | Apr. 1988 | May 1987 |
| **FOR TEXAS** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING TOTAL | $ 409.94 | $ 415.91 | $ 407.53 | 41.2 | 41.8 | 41.5 | $ 9.95 | $ 9.95 | $ 9.82 |
| Durable Goods | 411.46 | 415.39 | 399.78 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 9.82 | 9.82 | 9.61 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 286.94 | 293.99 | 287.12 | 40.7 | 41.7 | 40.9 | 7.05 | 7.05 | 7.02 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 254.80 | 255.60 | 256.63 | 39.2 | 40.0 | 39.3 | 6.50 | 6.39 | 6.53 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Prods. | 395.04 | 399.17 | 394.74 | 42.8 | 43.2 | 43.0 | 9.23 | 9.24 | 9.18 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 449.40 | 455.28 | 438.06 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 10.70 | 10.84 | 10.43 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 379.57 | 387.10 | 374.64 | 42.6 | 43.3 | 42.0 | 8.91 | 8.94 | 8.92 |
| Machinery, exc. Electric | 425.83 | 432.31 | 419.32 | 43.1 | 43.8 | 42.1 | 9.88 | 9.87 | 9.96 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 511.52 | 510.97 | 507.60 | 46.0 | 46.2 | 43.2 | 11.12 | 11.06 | 11.75 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 433.86 | 433.05 | 420.16 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.4 | 10.66 | 10.64 | 10.40 |
| Transportation Equipment | 559.39 | 562.83 | 523.38 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 42.9 | 12.83 | 12.85 | 12.20 |
| Instruments & Related Prod. | 356.40 | 355.69 | 355.78 | 40.0 | 40.1 | 40.8 | 8.91 | 8.87 | 8.72 |
| Misc. Manufacturing Inds. | 231.15 | 229.50 | 261.03 | 34.5 | 33.8 | 38.5 | 6.70 | 6.79 | 6.78 |
| Nondurable Goods | 407.43 | 415.93 | 415.48 | 40.3 | 41.1 | 41.3 | 10.11 | 10.12 | 10.06 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 333.74 | 344.86 | 342.10 | 40.7 | 41.4 | 40.2 | 8.20 | 8.33 | 8.51 |
| Meat Products | 251.14 | 256.82 | 252.38 | 39.8 | 40.7 | 37.5 | 6.31 | 6.31 | 6.73 |
| Malt Beverages | 812.49 | 860.88 | 947.63 | 45.8 | 47.8 | 52.5 | 17.74 | 18.01 | 18.05 |
| Textile Mill Products | 323.10 | 338.92 | 320.40 | 44.2 | 45.8 | 45.0 | 7.31 | 7.40 | 7.12 |
| Apparel & Other Text. Prods. | 183.74 | 191.30 | 198.97 | 34.8 | 36.3 | 37.4 | 5.28 | 5.27 | 5.32 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 484.16 | 478.19 | 457.52 | 44.5 | 44.4 | 43.0 | 10.88 | 10.77 | 10.64 |
| Printing & Publishing | 385.77 | 397.77 | 381.79 | 38.5 | 39.5 | 39.4 | 10.02 | 10.07 | 9.69 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 645.50 | 661.26 | 666.35 | 42.3 | 42.8 | 44.1 | 15.26 | 15.45 | 15.11 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 650.71 | 679.29 | 652.97 | 41.9 | 43.6 | 43.1 | 15.53 | 15.58 | 15.15 |
| Petroleum Refining | 668.15 | 704.58 | 674.95 | 41.5 | 43.6 | 43.1 | 16.10 | 16.16 | 15.66 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 223.87 | 220.00 | 218.94 | 38.4 | 38.8 | 41.0 | 5.83 | 5.67 | 5.34 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 395.54 | 391.17 | 400.71 | 43.9 | 44.3 | 45.9 | 9.01 | 8.83 | 8.73 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 483.17 | 503.45 | 474.35 | 39.8 | 41.3 | 39.3 | 12.14 | 12.19 | 12.07 |
| Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel | 573.28 | 572.12 | 562.46 | 47.3 | 47.4 | 46.6 | 12.12 | 12.07 | 12.07 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 475.89 | 497.76 | 468.32 | 39.2 | 40.8 | 38.8 | 12.14 | 12.20 | 12.07 |
| Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service | 489.06 | 485.23 | 477.85 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 39.2 | 12.54 | 12.41 | 12.19 |
| Elec., Gas & San. Services | 466.24 | 478.27 | 454.90 | 38.5 | 40.6 | 40.4 | 12.11 | 11.78 | 11.26 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 229.07 | 230.75 | 227.45 | 32.4 | 32.5 | 32.4 | 7.07 | 7.10 | 7.02 |
| Wholesale Trade | 391.88 | 398.33 | 382.01 | 38.8 | 39.4 | 39.1 | 10.10 | 10.11 | 9.77 |
| Retail Trade | 179.36 | 179.66 | 179.98 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.3 | 5.90 | 5.91 | 5.94 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 175.36 | 174.09 | 189.95 | 28.7 | 28.4 | 29.0 | 6.11 | 6.13 | 6.55 |
| Banking | 258.47 | 269.37 | 266.58 | 36.2 | 38.1 | 37.6 | 7.14 | 7.07 | 7.09 |

## HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DALLAS | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $ 399.08 | $ 402.41 | $ 399.23 | 41.1 | 41.4 | 41.2 | $ 9.71 | $ 9.72 | $ 9.69 |
| Durable Goods | 419.83 | 425.70 | 425.38 | 41.2 | 41.9 | 41.5 | 10.19 | 10.16 | 10.25 |
| Nondurable Goods | 366.06 | 365.89 | 358.63 | 40.9 | 40.7 | 40.8 | 8.95 | 8.99 | 8.79 |
| FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 439.11 | 436.58 | 405.00 | 41.9 | 41.5 | 41.2 | 10.48 | 10.52 | 9.83 |
| Durable Goods | 465.00 | 461.00 | 420.24 | 42.7 | 42.1 | 41.2 | 10.89 | 10.95 | 10.20 |
| Nondurable Goods | 373.07 | 374.53 | 364.97 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 41.1 | 9.35 | 9.34 | 8.88 |
| HOUSTON | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 488.76 | 495.24 | 488.57 | 43.6 | 44.1 | 43.7 | 11.21 | 11.23 | 11.18 |
| Durable Goods | 416.47 | 422.86 | 414.47 | 44.4 | 44.7 | 43.4 | 9.38 | 9.46 | 9.55 |
| Nondurable Goods | 569.50 | 578.12 | 568.07 | 42.5 | 43.5 | 43.9 | 13.40 | 13.29 | 12.94 |
| SAN ANTONIO | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 309.96 | 314.00 | 306.64 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 7.56 | 7.64 | 7.59 |
| Durable Goods | 337.79 | 341.12 | 328.89 | 41.6 | 41.6 | 39.2 | 8.12 | 8.20 | 8.39 |
| Nondurable Goods | 282.40 | 287.45 | 285.52 | 40.4 | 40.6 | 41.5 | 6.99 | 7.08 | 6.88 |

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Following a sizeable seasonal increase in April, construction once again declined by 1,000 in May. Most of the decrease was concentrated among general building contractors, which has lost close to 7,500 jobs since the beginning of the year.

Mining continued its downturn in May, losing an additional 800 jobs. This sector has now cut 33,000 jobs since January 1988, an indication that the oil and gas business is still fairly volatile due to uncertainty about the Mid-East.

Layoffs of workers as the semester ended at state universities and colleges caused state government to decline by 1,000 over the month. Local government gained an almost equal amount while federal government declined slightly, leaving total government down 200 jobs in May.


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Manufacturing had its strongest employment month so far in 1988, adding 4,300 jobs in May. For a change, both durable and nondurable goods recorded sizeable increases over the month. Durable goods advanced by 2,300 in May, as almost every sector showed at least a small improvement. The largest of these gains were in fabricated metal industries, which added 900 jobs, and in transportation equipment, where 600 positions were created. The largest decline within durable goods was a decline of 300 in furniture and fixtures. Other sectors recorded smaller gains or losses.

While nondurable goods added close to as many jobs as the durable sector in May, the gains were concentrated primarily in two sectors. Food and kindred products rose by 1,200 over the month, due in large part to seasonal hiring in preserved fruits and vegetables. The other large increase in nondurables was a gain of 1,000 in petroleum and coal products, where employees idled during a labor-management dispute returned to work in May. Small declines in printing and publishing and in apparel and other finished textile products, each of which declined by 200 jobs had little impact on the much larger increases.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE DROPS

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 4,100 over the month, to 613,400 in mid-May. Average weekly hours declined by 0.6 hour in May, while average hourly earnings remained stable, resulting in a decline of $5.97 in average weekly wages. The average worker in May earned $9.95 per hour for a 41.2-hour work week, averaging $409.94 a week. Although average hours had also declined by 0.3 hour from May 1987, average hourly earnings had increased by 15¢ during this period, pushing the average weekly wage up a moderate $3.24.

TEC ACTIVITIES

| | May 1988 | May 1987 |
|---|---|---|
| Total Population | 16,872,300 | 16,772,400* |
| % UI Covered Unemployment | 1.9 | 2.6 |
| UI Covered Employers | 314,277 | 316,831 |
| Total Claims Actions | 493,586 | 695,909 |
| Total Initial Claims Actions | 55,577 | 66,725 |
| Total Cont'd. Claims Actions | 438,009 | 629,184 |
| Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount | $153.34 | $158.35 |
| Total Amount Paid (Net)** | $59,582,985 | $92,286,648 |
| Total Placements | 32,724 | 26,460 |

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